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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - March 27, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Richard Dean Greer, a Department of Defense contract electrician at Marine Corp Air Station, Miramar, was arraigned today before Magistrate Judge Jan M. Adler on a two-count indictment charging him with Possession of Unregistered Firearms.

The indictment alleges that on February 10, 2007, Greer unlawfully possessed an AR-15, 5.56 millimeter machine gun, which had not been registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. The indictment further alleges that on March 12, 2007, Greer also unlawfully possessed one fully automatic AK-47 machine gun, and one stolen fully automatic M-4 machine gun with the serial number obliterated, and one live hand grenade, none of which had been registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. Greer entered not guilty pleas to both counts.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael G. Wheat, who is prosecuting the case, Richard Dean Greer was previously arraigned on a criminal complaint that charged him with possession of unregistered firearms, based on the conduct addressed by the indictment. The complaint was superseded by today's

indictment. According to the charging documents, on February 10, 2007, a Bureau of Land Management ranger responded to a report of automatic gunfire within the Carrizo Wash area of the Anza Borrego Desert. After interviewing Greer at that location, and inspecting the firearm in his possession, the ranger seized the weapon for possible violations of federal firearms laws. On March 12, 2007, agents from the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Explosives, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service executed a federal search warrant at Greer's residence in Mira Mesa where they recovered the two additional machine guns and the live hand grenade.

Greer is next scheduled to be in court for a motions/trial setting hearing on April 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., before District Judge Marilyn L. Huff.

DEFENDANT

Criminal Case No. 07-CR-0699-H

Richard Dean Greer (in custody)

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Counts: 2

Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5861(d) and 5871 - Possession of an Unregistered Firearm
Maximum penalties: 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, per count.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Law Enforcement
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
Naval Criminal Investigative Service

An indictment itself is not evidence that the defendant committed the crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.